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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian
 Serial No.: 08/828,022
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 Group Art Unit: 2876
 Examiner: D. Rodriquez
 Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK
 AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

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In response to the Official Action mailed March 2, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments to the claims and the comments as set forth below. The entry of the amendment is respectfully requested in order to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Please amend the Application as follows.

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